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In re: Shirley *et al.*
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 4, 1999, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I, namely Claims 1-4, 8, 12, 13, and 16-20, Group II, namely Claims 5-7, 9-11, 14, and 15, and Group III, namely Claims 21-27. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a copy of a Response to Restriction Requirement that was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 18, 1999, for the above-mentioned application. The previously filed response was submitted following a first Office Action dated May 20, 1999, in which the Examiner also required restriction between Groups I, II, and III. As in the previously filed response, Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 1-4, 8, 12, 13, and 16-20) and expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

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Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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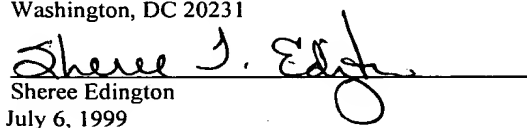
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